

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 09 July 2002
Name of applicant/court: The District Court at Tauranga
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: The Big Book Of Buds
Other Known Titles: The Big Book Of Buds Marijuana Varieties From The World's Great Seed Breeders
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Quick American Archives
Author: Ed Rosenthal
Format: Book
Country of Origin: USA
Language: English

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Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *The Big Book of Buds*, also known as *The Big Book of Buds Marijuana Varieties From The World's Great Seed Breeders*, is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication contains extensive information on plant varieties, articles on topics such as decriminalisation of cannabis and the history of cannabis use, and numerous high quality photographs. Despite the book advising against illegal activity, the dominant effect of the publication as a whole is the promotion and encouragement of the criminal act of cultivating and using cannabis, an offence under s9 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to this publication. The criteria applied by the Classification Office resulting in the limit on the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. As discussed above, the publication is considered to promote and encourage a criminal act to such an extent and degree as to render the publication objectionable. This classification represents the minimum interference with freedom of expression that is consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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